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REPUBLICAN CITY CONVENTION.

A Republican city convention will be held in the Grand Rapids city hall, Saturday morning, March 27, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating delegates to the Republican state convention. The convention will be held in the city hall, and the delegates will be elected by the city voters. The convention will be held in the city hall, and the delegates will be elected by the city voters.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—For Lower Michigan, light snow followed by clearing; southerly, northwesterly winds; colder in southwestern portion.

TODAY'S CONVENTION.

It has been many years since the Republicans of Grand Rapids welcomed the coming of a city convention. Here-tofore they have been held as part of a disagreeable duty in which the nominees were deemed to be equivalent to defeat. This year for a majority of the officers the field is full of candidates, all eager to win places. Confidence in the success of the ticket to be nominated to-night springs from the excellent record made by the republican administration during the year it has had power and the assurance that the police department will be purged of existing scandals.

It is a foregone conclusion that Mayor Stuart will be renominated. No other candidate has been considered for the place who can command so large a following. The logic of the situation makes no other nomination possible. He will accept the nomination as a call to lead his party to certain victory. On the balance of the ticket it is impossible to forecast with accuracy. The HERALD submits the following list of possible candidates, giving the apparent leader first place where more than one are in the field:

For Mayor.....William J. Stuart
Clerk.....George W. Bennett,
George F. Owen,
Ed. J. Rothman,
W. H. VanLusen, Jr.,
M. H. H. Serrice
Treasurer.....George B. Bostock,
Comptroller.....Charles E. Herrington,
James Van der Sluis,
Freeman Lathrop,
William C. Meila,
Paul Mars.
Board of Review.....James L. Lewis,
L. C. Remington
Judge Superior Court.....Henry J. Felker
Henry B. Pallas has been mentioned as a candidate for judge of the superior court, but he is not believed to be seriously in it. The people will demand a candidate for judge who has been a long time resident of the city, familiar with the practice of the courts and a representative citizen. No experiments will be tried with new and unknown men. If the legislature shall refuse to abolish the court the city will need a first class man on the bench. Mr. Felker fills the bill.

COLONEL SHEPARD.

Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, millionaire, publisher, editor and abolitionist, is dead. He shuffled off his mortal coil while under the influence of an anesthetic, leaving the world no parting words, no final last sight, no whisper of hope of a home beyond the sky.

At the time of his death he was owner of the New York Mail and Express. The paper is famous for its printing of a paragraph from the bible at the top of the first column of the editorial page. It has also a good reputation as a newspaper and is a money-maker. Colonel Shepard married one of Commodore Vanderbilt's daughters. The Commodore once expressed an opinion of the Colonel's mental equipment, the same having been canonized as a proverb in New York's social circles. It is very harsh and is not true.

Colonel Shepard was a man of large ideas. He dealt in big things. His heart was touched by distress and his purse was open for every good cause. A firm believer in the bible he sought to impress the individuality of his belief on everything he owned and controlled, whether newspaper or omnibus. Because of this earnestness he was made the target for endless ridicule, and it is a poor paragraph who has not taken a shot at Colonel Shepard.

When all New York was green with envy of Chicago over the world's fair location, Colonel Shepard came above the mounds and showed them the better way, the way which they have since followed with credit to the name of the city. He was president of the American Sabbath Union, owner of large business interests in New York—in short the business kind of a man of affairs.

We shall miss his pungent paragraphs in The Mail and Express. His contributions will no more shock and please us. The place he has filled in the world will remain vacant, for another like Elliott F. Shepard is but one product of our century.

POLICE BOARD PATERNALISM.

Just what authority the police board has to require members of a voluntary benefit organization to increase the

amount of dues they shall pay, is shaded in impenetrable mystery. The board will permit the police benefit association to hold a ball if the members will tax themselves double the amount they now pay for dues. This is the quintessence of offensive paternalism. As well might the board require of every policeman who may belong to a fraternal order that he pay to that order double before he will be permitted to attend one of its benefit entertainments.

The question of dues in the benefit association is one with which the police board has no moral or legal right to interfere. If the board can enforce the alternative it has presented in this case, where will its authority end? Nobody but Bender would presume to exercise such authority, either directly or indirectly. It is a piece of unlicensed impudence for the board to attempt to control the benefit society by such an alternative. Pretty soon the board will direct the policeman where they shall buy their groceries under penalty for neglect, that they will not be allowed to speak above a whisper on their beats. Every successive act of the police board proves the purpose of Bender to pose as a parent, a guardian, over the men. Worse than this, he seeks to do it to make political capital for himself. Whether the dues are sufficient to pay indemnities is a matter for the men themselves to settle. The board has no business to stick its nose into their private financial matters. If it doesn't purpose to permit the men to hold a ball—an inalienable right which the board has no power to suspend—let it say so in plain words. If the men will submit to such a rule that's their business.

OLDFIELD'S BREAK.

Mr. Oldfield threw a bomb into the prohibition conference yesterday. He intimated very pointedly that church members prayed for the church and voted for the devil. His remarks incited the ministers present to make tart replies. Mr. Oldfield is a positivist. He doesn't believe a man can pray that the drunkard be saved and vote any ticket but the prohibitionist without committing an unpardonable sin.

The doctrine has a few supporters among the more pronounced prohibitionists. The great majority repudiate it. The preachers in yesterday's conference made the distinction between a praying prohibitionist and a voting prohibitionist very clear. The question of consistency cannot fairly be raised. A Christian may believe that the liquor traffic is a vice that should be removed, but he may be persuaded that it cannot be removed by prohibitory laws. In this conclusion the history of prohibition in Maine and Iowa fully sustains him.

The vice of the liquor traffic is as ineradicable as the vice of gambling and of prostitution. No law was ever yet devised that can entirely suppress vice. It may be restrained, curtailed, but to prohibit it by statute is impotent, simply because human nature cannot be prohibited. The vice of intemperance is coeval with the existence of man. Through all ages it has debased humanity and will continue to do so until the last trumpet is sounded in spite of laws and officers of laws.

Mr. Oldfield's radical pronouncements are harmless. They will do no harm to the church and none to prohibition. The prohibition party will die of inanition and moral decay in less than a decade, for its objects are visionary and impracticable. Prohibition, where tried, does not prohibit and there is no reasonable ground to hope that it ever will be successful.

HOLD FAST THE STATE.

In the excitement of the local campaign the merit of the state platform ticket will not be lost to sight. The democrats are banking on a light vote and apathy to roll up a majority for their state ticket. Their ambition to do this is based on the desire to show the federal administration that Michigan is not hopelessly republican.

If Michigan voters can be inveigled into the democratic trap set for them, the national prestige of Don M. Dickinson will be so largely increased that he will be next nominee of his party for the presidency. Republicans cannot afford to permit the democrats to carry this state by reason of indifference and apathy. Neither can they afford to permit Don M. Dickinson to reap laurels at the expense of their party principles.

The republican candidate for justice of the supreme court is a jurist of eminence. He was placed in the highest judicial position in the state last fall and has proved his capacity to serve the people. He is a man of broad learning and a lawyer of excellent attainments. His competitor likewise is a man of good parts. The issue is not between new but between parties. The democrats seek to win in the state, not to elevate the judiciary above politics, but to achieve a distinct political triumph.

They must be met on their own ground by the solid ranks of loyal republicans, who will be able to say to the country that Michigan is securely anchored to the rocks of republican principles.

WRITING TO THE HERALD A woman friend writes against allowing any person to expose the spiritism séances of Mrs. Waite. She says that the HERALD's contributor is unqualified to criticize the truth, of which he knows nothing. It is presumed that the contributor attended Mrs. Waite's seances to learn the truth. He saw so many evidences of fraud he was both surprised and startled. Another communication appearing this morning confirms the correctness of his allegations. It is quite evident from both communications that Mrs. Waite is a fraud of the Arthur Stripes.

Waite's general public will take little interest in the spasm brought by the New York Associated Press against the Western Associated Press.

still it will be pleased to know that the United Press is practically independent of both, and that its excellent service will not be impaired by this litigation. It is believed that the Western Associated Press is on its last legs, and will be forced to retire from the field covered so completely by the United Press.

HARVEY O. CARR, the superintendent of police-elect, is a man of force and independent ideas. When he takes the office the police department will be amenable to discipline. If the police board can be re-constructed so that Bender will not be permitted to run things there will be an end to petty bickerings among the men. True friends of Mr. Carr wish to see Bender suppressed. It can be done by the election of the republican city ticket.

PROBABLY one reason why The Democrat failed to print the graphic story of the great storm which swept the Mississippi valley Thursday night, is because the Western Union association, of which it is a member, is so thoroughly demoralized and disorganized it cannot secure satisfactory service.

JUST so soon as the water moves off Mr. Turner's gunnison swamp city lots, the Evening Press' relief brigade will be detailed to count them. If it shall be proved that any of them were washed away in the flood, The Democrat will be without an argument in favor of Mr. Turner's election.

JUDGE BURLINGAME is the nonpartisan candidate of the saloon men. The thugs and plugugies will hold a convention early next week to endorse him. Then the respectable elements will be asked to support him on account of his "severe" sentences.

THERE is just one among other reasons why republicans will not vote for Judge Adair. He is a democrat. To elect a democrat to secure nonpartisanism would be like painting a crow white to secure a canary bird.

CHICAGO is growing uneasy over federal appointments. No Chicagoan has been honored, and here it is nearly three weeks since Grover began to browse in the clover. This is an awful neglect of Chicago.

SENATOR DOKAN is chairman of the committee to arrange a benefit for Mrs. Custer. The senator purposes to make the benefit the swiftest affair, socially and financially, ever held in the state.

As between Judge Burlingame and James E. Budge organized labor can be true to itself only by voting for the candidate to be nominated by the republican party tonight.

BORN Hollanders and Irishmen were ignored by the democrats in making up their city ticket. It is a clear case of "no Irish need apply," with the addenda "nor Hollanders."

WITH a magnificent temple eight stories high, the Masons of this city will be enabled to boast of having the finest lodge rooms in Michigan.

CHIEFER, independent candidate for mayor of Chicago, refuses to withdraw. His obstinacy makes Harrison's election very probable.

CAN it be that Mr. Bender is the "man of the mountain" in the police department?

STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.

THIS is indeed an age of wonders. Ex-Congressman Harrison H. Wheeler was recently offered the position of commissioner of pensions by President Cleveland, and he refused to accept it. When we consider that Mr. Wheeler is a democrat we don't know whether to discredit the story or drop dead from sheer surprise.—Bay City Tribune.

The statement credited to Postmaster General Russell that he would not appoint newspaper men nor former incumbents as postmasters fell like a thunderbolt, but happily the black cloud had a silver lining, and the boys may now rejoice again.—Catholic Democrat.

They had a mass meeting of citizens to denounce the Carter Harrison ticket at Chicago the other evening fully 8,000 people being present. Singularly enough the Times, Mr. Harrison's paper, makes no reference to the meeting.—Saginaw Courier Herald.

Ohio democrats who wanted a chance at the federal offices and have been depending on an Calvin S. Brice, actually of New York, though nominally senator from Ohio, are dumfounded to learn that Cleveland has declined Brice is his enemy.—Adrian Times.

One muddy day has sufficed to establish the fact that spring styles in hosiery for 1903 need not take back seats for ordinary rainbows.—Detroit Tribune.

It is given out that there will be no extra session of congress, and the country has a deep sense of relief.—Battle Creek Journal.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.

Principal—My dear Muller, you had the courage to save my daughter from drowning. You deserve to be rewarded. I give you my daughter in marriage.

Muller (book keeper).—It is really very kind of you, but I am not quite so courageous as you seem to think.—Dorchester.

irate Customer.—See, here, you blame skirt! You said they clothes wouldn't shrink—just look at 'em.

Bowery Dealer.—Main freint, do c'lo's hat not shrink; ven you get back to de country dey vill fit like pants. Ya vas not accustomed to de city air and it had heated you.—Doe Molnes Argonaut.

Old Gent.—Have you vanishing ink? Truckman.—Yes, going to make sure of no breach of promise suits!

Old Gent.—Oh, yes, going to give my daughter a check for a hundred thousand as a wedding present.—Vague.

Miss Nugget.—Would you have loved me had I been poor?

Mr. Argonaut.—I should never have known you, darling.—Puck.

SHE IS VERY SLICK

Mrs. Waite When Caught in
Bogus Spirit Talks

WRIGGLES OUT OF THE TRAP

How She Was En Rapport With a
Large Silver Watch—The Deceit
of Her Seances Fully Exposed.

EDITOR GRAND RAPIDS HERALD.—Permit me to thank A. K. for his admirable exposure in your yesterday's issue of spiritism in general and of Mrs. Maggie Waite's mediumistic deceptions in particular.

Having recently discovered that two friends—one a young married woman and the other a wife of about 16—had become the dupes of spiritism, who pretended to receive these messages from a recently deceased relative, I thought I would look into the matter and accordingly attended the seance of Mrs. Waite at Lincoln hall on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Waite professed her so-called spirit messages with the following convenient subterfuge: "If I do not give the name of a spirit who communicates a message or the name of the person to whom it is sent it is no use asking me." Thus she paved the way for that characteristically vague method of dealing with evidence which in many instances is so convenient and without which the table of the medium would soon be gone.

As long as Mrs. Waite dealt with those about whom she had evidently inquired she authenticated her messages with names and certain other particulars, but when she came to deal, as of course she was obliged to do, with those about whom nothing certain had been gleaned in no case was such authentication present. Her quick eye caught the person who was moved by a message; she would then immediately walk down and inquire if what she had said was not true, and by adroit questions elicit from the dupe the very facts with which she herself should have authenticated her message.

En Rapport With a Watch.

There were some instances in which she thought her guess would amount almost to a certainty, and ventured accordingly, with the result that, twice at daylight, in the first instance she declared that a watch that had been handed up put her in rapport with the spirit of a man who used to carry it. It was a rather large silver watch, such as would more likely belong to a man than a youth, but when she put the question, "Whom does it belong?" a youth claimed it and stoutly declared no man in the spirit world had ever carried it. Now observe the way in which she wriggled out of this dilemma: "If no one in the spirit world has carried it, then some one here has handled it, and the spirit whose whose influence I am is either the watchmaker or your grandfather." The message she had delivered to the supposed owner of the watchpiece, whom she imagined to be a man, was in no way suited to the youth.

Her second bogus message was to a man under the spirit of whose dead father's influence she declared herself to be. After rattling on volubly for some time, she asked: "Does not this exactly fit you?" But he thought not, for his good old dad was still in the flesh, at 74 years of age.

Once or twice when Mrs. Waite became especially befogged upon finding herself on the wrong track, she said: "The spirit has led me up to this point and now eludes me, and so I must drop the message." Very convenient, was it not?

Three things in connection with this seance were very evident to me:

The performance was a palpable deceit from first to last, and from certain salacious hints and suggestions thrown out from time to time, decidedly immoral in its tendency.

All the spiritism of Henry Clay in common with others used the same execrable grammar—that of the medium herself.

The generality of the audience regarded the clever way Mrs. Waite wriggled out of a difficulty as equal to any demonstration of mediumistic power and applauded loudly when most humbugged.

THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Discussion of the Police Board on the
Prize Fight Matter.

No executive session of the board of police and fire commissioners was held yesterday, but Officer McCarthy was made to do duty as a sentinel at the door of the room in which the board met. The reporters made a demand for the records of the executive session held last Friday night and were given the secretary's records of the meeting. Mr. Bender did not have the testimony of the witnesses taken this time, and the record stated that when the board stated that the board had stated the police in the department and the neglect of duty of Sergeant Webb lightly, it stated the facts. The only record reads as follows:

"Lieutenant Hurley and Sergeant Webb were cited to appear before the board and were admonished that in future there must be no clanking of authority, nor petty jealousies permitted to exist, either among the officers or men of the force, under penalty of dismissal."

This is the result of a session of which the members of the board had no knowledge. This is the report they were forced to give out one week ago. This is the sort of business transacted in executive session with a policeman at the door to guard it from the public.

All the commissioners were present except Fredson Lottell. An application from James R. Rasmussen for a position on the police force was placed on file.

Drivers of fire apparatus petitioned the board for an increase of pay. The petition was referred to the committee on finance. George V. McConnell handed in his resignation as a police officer. It was accepted.

The committee on finance reported the following bills and recommended their payment: Secretary's disbursements, \$2,447; A. J. Stingle, \$1,300; secretary's disbursements, \$11,784; the Michigan Motor Patrol company, \$2,000; disbursements, \$11,784; J. P. Moran, \$239; Stanley A. Barsley, \$1,000; Standard Oil company, \$60; Branch & Hume, \$1; Thomas E. Wykes, \$230; H. Henning, \$2; Thomas E. Wykes, \$230; H. Henning, \$2.

The committee on rules recommended that the Police Benefit association be allowed to hold a ball, provided the same did not solicit citizens to buy tickets, and provided the association will raise the monthly dues from 25 to 50 cents. Mr. Withey moved that the report be held until the association raises its dues.

Mr. Bender seconded the motion, saying that after the dues were raised it would not be necessary to hold a second ball. The motion was carried and the benefit ball has a big, stout string to it, as the members of the association do not feel as if they could stand the doubling of dues.

Fire Marshal Lemmon appeared and reported the illness of Assistant Marshal Baxter and other matters referring to the department.

The board then adjourned.

MACCABEE COMMITTEES.

Men That Will Make Preparations for
the Encampment.

At a meeting of committees from the local lodges of the Maccabees in the New Livingston last night the following special committees were appointed to arrange for the grand encampment of Maccabees to be held here in September: Chairman, Albert J. Elliott.

Treasurer, Oscar Allen.
Secretary, S. P. De Vries.
Finance, Oscar Allen, S. Weselius, A. Allen, W. D. Morton, W. W. Blumfield, A. Berry, L. J. McCrath, William Van Dam, H. H. Engel, J. W. McGovern, W. J. Page, L. C. Niblock, J. H. Dettsey, P. Schull, C. S. Nester, F. J. Dickent, J. L. Lee.

Transportation, W. M. Rose, J. W. Boughton, F. M. Briggs.
Hotel, Theodore Weiffenbach, A. B. Anderson, Charles M. Wyckam, J. M. Henshaw, J. W. Hungerford, W. M. Mosher, W. Brummer, F. J. Parker, James Mail, H. A. Ruhlman, Walter Clark, H. J. Zylstra, H. Docksey, H. Van Aldern, James S. Larabee, Christ Katz.

Press—E. P. Mills, Charles S. Reeves, Charles Seymour, John Hensen, H. Hugenholz.

Printing—W. R. McLeod, Andrew J. Elliott, H. Hensen, Charles K. Seymour, Charles S. Reeves.

Decorations—William Grookopf, H. H. Engel, F. B. Neill, Joshua Burrows, M. C. Orner, H. Vieland, F. Strong, George A. Hess, J. S. Perkins, George Cress, A. L. Ferguson, J. C. Mulberry.

Reception Committee—L. J. Katz, Andrew J. Quist, Charles Zylstra, R. A. Schorniken, Frank Kruse, R. H. Chilson, Joseph Anthorson, George Kanser, William Echtenacker, John Deugler, J. S. Rueland, W. F. Johnston, Dr. A. W. S. Sillman, Keeler E. H. Cummings, H. Grookopf, C. F. Mitchell, W. D. Norton, P. P. Cary, G. W. Williams, Philip Hilber, M. H. Lamoree, E. C. Beare, L. D. Sideloboth, G. R. Poque, C. H. Gibbons.

Prices—L. D. Blakford, C. H. Bull, D. Viersch, Clyde Tucker, O. A. Wells.

Entertainment—L. A. Re, Van Dugteren, Frank Wurzburg, John A. Muehling, O. A. Wells, Charles A. Jordan.

Hacks and Carriages—C. W. Wernette, James Bayland, E. J. Haines, Russell Larabee, J. Dengler.

Rodges—J. W. Riche, C. Mohrhard, M. Langdon, E. J. Harris, George E. Argard.

Closing Up the Work.

The Y. M. C. A. building committee met yesterday afternoon to decide about acceptance of work and settlement with the contractors. The work was declared to be entirely satisfactory in all respects. The matter of closing up various details was left to the superintendent, Mr. Green. A meeting of the board of directors will be held at 4 p. m. today.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Sunday school convention of Washtenaw county, held at Ypsilanti, has elected the following officers: President, the Rev. O. C. Bailey, Chelsea; secretary, the Rev. S. T. Morris, Dexter; treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Beaman, Ann Arbor.

West Bay City has an unknown dog killer. First a howl was raised because the curs were killed, now the plaint has changed to "why are not the bodies removed?"

Vandalia is having a monkey and a parrot time over her recent election, and charges of ballot box stuffing are as numerous that an investigation may be ordered.

Lottie Collins fell at Kalamazoo Thursday night, and used, it's said, concert hall English to express her opinion of the slippery stage.

Lansing is the mecca of burglars. The Capital Lumber company was robbed last night. Loss, two mackintoshes and \$10.00.

The Jackson dogs at the Detroit bench show all took prizes. Now the city is thinking of changing its seal and motto.

The Retail Clerks' association of Jackson claim that the merchants have violated agreement and trouble may ensue.

Kalamazoo has another sensation. Mrs. S. E. Flagler wants a divorce from her husband, who is an architect.

Despite the many howls against his administration, Jackson republicans have renominated Mayor Brooks.

Kalamazoo police have come to the conclusion that William White did not murder a man Schilling.

West Bay City has a Turkish bath-house and one man naively inquired where was the harem?

Michael Morrison, a shipwright, dropped dead in the Wheeler yards at Bay City yesterday.

Chief Harnd, suspected of being the murderer of Jay Pulver at Ypsilanti, has been held for trial.

James Gallagher was cremated in a burning dwelling at Frankfort Thursday night.

John Torrent has been nominated by Muskegon republicans for the mayoralty.

A man wanted to start a saloon at Bellaire. He barely escaped with his life.

Fire slightly damaged the tug George H. Parker at West Bay City yesterday. Jackson has a new electric light company with a paid in capital of \$100,000.

Port Huron republicans have nominated Major N. S. Boynton for mayor.

See democrat think that the ticket headed by Capt. J. Hursley will win.

Bay City republicans have nominated Menard J. Baily for mayor.

Carver A. Barnes of Leslie has been missing since Saturday.

Michigan Pensions.

Original—Frank Ellis, Andrew Francis, James P. Wintzinger, Monroe Wagon John, E. Davis, Thomas Butler, Darwin Brockett, James C. Van Liew, Daniel B. Weaver, James Winnie, George W. Winslow, Henry Wood, Joseph Winslow, Washington Alger, Philo Collins, Frederick A. Crockett. Additional—John L. Taylor, Oscar Plafsted, Henry H. Gillman, Walter W. Gentry, Recreators and increase—Calvin L. Giles, Increase—James Carpenter, Harvey Wilson, Melville Edwards, Herman Mahn, James M. Pollock, David A. Weatherston, Original widows, etc.—Lorenz J. Newton, survivors of R. P. Slone, Jane E. Hawley. Survivors of Indian war—Justin Cooper.

Ex Senator Carlisle is said to be so fond of the game of solitaire that he often indulges in it while at work.

HOTEL CHATS.

"Local option is prohibition's greatest enemy," said J. S. Hughes of Cassopolis, the noted prohibition orator, in The Eagle yesterday. "Disease spots will spread, but health spots will not. Prohibition in the states that have adopted it has been a failure because the law has not been executed. A prohibition statute of no value unless there is a prohibition administration that believes in it. Laws that are not enforced are worse than no laws at all. Let me tell you a curious story concerning the enforcement of liquor laws. The town of Hicksville, Ohio, elected as marshal a man who had been a gambler and saloon-keeper. He was formerly a Texas tough, but he said he had quit the saloon business and would enforce the laws if elected. He did. He made every saloon in the city live right up to the letter of the law. And more than that. He was familiar with all the tricks of the trade, and caught every saloon that strayed from the path. Now, I believe that a saloon-keeper, if elected to office and made to feel that so long as he does his strict duty he may retain his position, will do better work than a clergyman or any other man. Strange opinion, you think? I believe it true. A saloon-keeper is not in the business because he wants to be. He would rather sell water than whiskey if he could make as much money. He is human, the same as the rest of us; his mother kissed him and fondled him as mine did me. He is usually a man of courage and a small amount of ingenuity. You elect one of them to office, pay him a good salary and inform him that so long as he enforces the law his tenure of office is secure, and I'd as soon have him administer the affairs of the government as any other man. Put such a man at the back of the prohibition statute and he'd wipe out the whiskey business or die in the attempt. He is the kind of a man that has the pluck to do it."

"Now, about that appointment as state oil inspector," said Neal McMillan of Rockford in The Morton yesterday, "it's like this: I haven't received my commission yet, but I expect it every day. Sellers has not received the appointment either, but he is just as confident. I tell him brought not to be so trustful, but he persists. Several of our friends have suggested that we fight it out with four ounce gloves, but that is impracticable. Sellers is a smaller man than I. He would be at a disadvantage unless I trained down to his weight. That would be too hard on me. Besides, since Sellers overpowered the man that tried to swipe his trousers, I've been a little afraid of him. We might shake dice, or shoot craps, or pitch pennies, or even play seven-up. I'm willing to give 'Mac' a fair chance."

"There is a wild scramble for Minnesota pine lands now," said Don J. Leathery in The Morton yesterday. "Mr. Leathers has just returned from Duluth, where he had been to look after some pine that he owns in that vicinity. 'The surveys of several townships have just been completed and the pine is coming into the market. It is selling for \$1.35 to \$1.50 an acre. The stumpage will be worth \$4 a year from now on. Michigan stumpage is worth from \$7 to \$10. This is good pine that is now coming into the market, and Minnesota is over-run with lumbermen and speculators, anxious to get the first chance at it.'"

"We expect that a heavy prohibition vote will be polled in the state this spring," said the Hon. A. B. Cheney of Sparta, in The Eagle yesterday. "The vote will be larger than it was last fall in the general election. The party in Michigan is growing stronger every year. The growth is slow, but it is a

beneficial one, and that is far better than a mushroom development."

"Kent county will go republican by a safe majority this spring," said L. M. Sellers, chairman of the county committee, in The Morton yesterday. "The county committee has been at work, and we believe we can elect Grove and Taggart by good round pluralities. A